

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the subject application.

Claim 1 (currently amended): A liquid conjugate comprising a basic amine-containing bioactive agent and an absorbable liquid polymer selected from a polycarbonate, a polyester-carbonate and a polyester carrying two or more carboxyl groups situated in medial portions off said polymer, said basic bioactive agent and said absorbable liquid polymer being at least 50 percent ionically bonded together to form said liquid conjugate.

Claim 2 (cancelled)

Claim 3 (cancelled)

Claim 4 (original): The liquid conjugate in claim 1 wherein the liquid polymer component is a carboxyl-bearing homopolymeric or copolymeric polyalkylene oxide.

Claim 5 (original): The liquid conjugate as in claim 1 wherein the liquid polymer component is a carboxyl-bearing homopolymeric or copolymeric polyalkylene oxide.

Claim 6 (original): The liquid conjugate composition as in claim 1 wherein said bioactive agent is ziprasidone and said liquid polymer is a carboxyl-bearing block/segmented copolymer comprising a polyalkylene carbonate and a polyalkylene oxide segment/block.

Claim 7 (original): A pharmaceutical composition comprising the liquid conjugate of claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Claim 8 (original): The pharmaceutical composition of claim 7 wherein said pharmaceutically acceptable carrier is for controlled release or immediate release.

Claim 9 (original): The pharmaceutical composition of claim 7 wherein said bioactive agent is an aryl-heterocyclic compound.

Claim 10 (original): The pharmaceutical composition of claim 9 wherein said aryl-heterocyclic compound is ziprasidone.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The pharmaceutical composition of claim 7 wherein said liquid polymer is (i) a carboxyl-bearing polyester, copolyester, polyalkylene carbonate, copolyester carbonate or combinations thereof; or (ii) ~~an amine-bearing polyester, copolyester, polyalkylene carbonate, polyether carbonate, polyether, copolyester-carbonate or combinations thereof.~~

Claim 12 (original): The pharmaceutical composition of claim 7 wherein said bioactive agent is ziprasidone and said liquid polymer is a carboxyl-bearing block-segmented copolymer comprising a polyalkylene carbonate and a polyalkylene oxide segment/block.

Claim 13 (cancelled)